United States District Court Southern District of Texas

## **ENTERED**

July 26, 2024 Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

## United States District Court Southern District of Texas Houston Division

FEDERAL TRADE
COMMISSION,
Plaintiff,

VS.

Solvil Action No.
4:24-cv-02508

Under Charles Eskridge

FEMPUR SEALY
INTERNATIONAL, INC., et al.,
Defendants.

## SCHEDULING AND DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

The following schedule will control disposition of this case.

1.

10/25/2024

The parties are ADVISED that (i) no continuance will be granted, even upon joint motion, absent a showing of actual diligence and extraordinary cause, and (ii) discovery failures may result, at the appropriate time, in the striking of evidence, dismissal of claims, or the striking of defenses.

MOTIONS TO ADD NEW PARTIES

1.	10/23/2021	The party causing the addition of a new party must provide copies of this Order and all previously entered Orders to the new party.
2.	11/26/2024	Motions for Leave to amend pleadings Any party seeking leave to amend pleadings after this date must show good cause.
3a.	5/7/2025	EXPERTS (other than attorney's fees) The party with the burden of proof on an issue must designate expert witnesses in writing and provide the required report under Rule 26(a)(2).
3b.	6/6/2025	The opposing party must designate expert witnesses in writing and provide the required report under Rule 26(a)(2).

## 7/22/2025 4. COMPLETION OF DISCOVERY Discovery requests are not timely if the deadline for response under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure falls after this date. Parties may by agreement continue discovery beyond the deadline. 5. 8/21/2025 DISPOSITIVE AND NONDISPOSITIVE MOTIONS DEADLINE (except for motions in limine) No party may file any motion after this date except for good cause shown. 6. 10/7/2025 MEDIATION OR SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE The parties must complete mediation or other form of dispute resolution. 7. 11/6/2025 DEADLINE FOR JOINT PRETRIAL ORDER AND **MOTIONS IN LIMINE** The Joint Pretrial Order must contain the pretrial disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(3). Plaintiff is responsible for timely filing of the complete Joint Pretrial Order. Failure to do so may lead to dismissal or other sanction in accordance with applicable rules. 12/16/2025 8. DOCKET CALL Docket call will occur at 01:30 PM in Courtroom 9F, United States Courthouse, 515

Rusk, Houston, Texas. The Court will not consider documents filed within seven days of docket call. The Court may rule on pending motions at docket call and will set the case for trial as close to docket call as practicable.

€.	Additional orders or limitations relating to disclosures, discovery, or pretrial motions:
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0.	Other matters:

Any party wishing to make a discovery or scheduling motion must obtain permission before the submission of motion papers. This includes any motion to compel, to quash, for protection, or for extension. Follow Section 15 of the Court's procedures.

The parties agree to submit attorney's fees issues to the Court by affidavit after resolution of liability and damages.

In cases referred to the Magistrate Judge, the Magistrate Judge has the authority to adjust the scheduling order dates.

Signed on July 26, 2024, at Houston, Texas.

Hon. Charles Eskridge
United States District Judge